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more than 20,000 Chinese Communist troops, including men from the 212 Regiment,¹ were transferred from North Korea to Shantung for rest and regrouping.² The troops appeared completely exhausted, had frayed uniforms, and were poorly equipped. this force was garrisoning the Shantung Railway line from Itu (N 36-43, E 118-28) to Kaomi (N 36-24, E 119-46), with its main strength centered at Weihsien (N 36-43, E 119-07).

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1. Comment. The 212 Regiment is subordinate to the 71 Division, 24 Army. Available information indicates that the 24 Army entered Korea where the 71 Division was firmly identified. Possibly the elements of the 212 Regiment reported here as returning from Korea are part of the large replacement detachments the 24 Army had previously contributed to Chinese Communist forces in Korea.

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2. Comment. So far as this office knows, Chinese Communist forces withdrawing from Korea for rest and regrouping ordinarily accomplish this objective in Northeast China. The possibility exists, therefore, that this force has been permanently withdrawn from Korea.

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